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Good morning and a very Merry Christmas. It's Sunday the 26th of December and  
here is the GB2RS news broadcast, prepared by the Radio Society of Great  
Britain.

First the headlines: The new RSGB President is to be installed in January,  
RSGB Headquarters is open during the Christmas holiday and we bring you our  
traditional Review of the Year.

The RSGB's 1994 President Ian Suart, GM4AUP, will be officially installed at  
an evening reception and dinner in Glasgow on Saturday the 15th of January.  
Any RSGB member wishing to attend should contact RSGB HQ without delay.

For those needing to call at RSGB Headquarters or make a telephone enquiry  
during the holiday period, HQ will be open this Wednesday, Thursday and

Friday.

The Swindon 70cm Repeater GB3TD returned to service on Saturday the 18th of December, after a site and channel change. The new channel is RB3 so the repeater can be heard on 433.075MHz. Reports would be welcomed by the Repeater Keeper G4XUT, from whom further details can be obtained. His address is correct in the RSGB Call Book.

Now some items of HF DX news from the weekly RSGB DX News Sheet which is edited by Brendan McCartney, G4DY0. From Ascension Island, ZD8M will be very QRV on the low bands especially 160 metres, from today, Sunday the 26th. From Martinique, F3WC is signing FM5WC until Saturday the 5th of February. From Mozambique, SM6DRM is active as C91BH from now until the end of January 1994, on 10 - 20 metres, including the WARC bands, on CW and SSB.

There's one item of HF contest news:

The first RSGB LF Cumulative 3.5MHz Contest takes place next Sunday the 2nd of January from 1600 - 1800 UTC. The rules can be found in the December edition of Radio Communication.

And now our review of the year as brought to you by the RSGB's GB2RS News Service. We are very grateful to newsreader Vic Kusin, GM4HCO, for researching and compiling the review.

This week we deal with January to June, and next week July to December.

On Saturday the 2nd of January 1993, nearly a hundred people attended a dinner to see Peter Chadwick, G3RZP, formally installed as the 59th President of the Radio Society of Great Britain. One of his first tasks as President was to present a certificate to Britain's astronaut Helen Sharman OBE, marking her election as an Honorary Member of the Society.

The Pentland South Pole Expedition was well under way. Explorers Ranulph Fiennes and Mike Stroud had already walked over 1,000 miles and crossed the South Pole at the beginning of January. Their progress was reported by Lawrence Howell, GM4DMA, whose wife Morag, who was using the callsign GB4MSS/VP8 from Patriot Base in Antarctica. The aim of the expedition was to be the first to cross the Antarctic continent on foot and at the same time raise two million pounds for research into Multiple Sclerosis.

The chairman of the RSGB VHF Committee, Peter Burden, G3UBX, reported that the United Kingdom, along with other European countries, had agreed to the use of 433.050 to 434.790MHz for 'low power devices' limited to 10 milliwatts. Following representations from the RSGB, the Radiocommunications Agency had undertaken to defend the amateur service in the event of problems being experienced. It was stressed that this allocation should not in any way affect the present or future status of the amateur service on the band.

At the end of January, the RSGB introduced a premium phone line, carrying a recording of GB2RS news bulletins, mainly intended for those who were not able to receive the regular broadcasts. The number is 0336 407394 and calls are charged at 36 pence per minute cheap rate and 48 pence per minute at all other times. A proportion of the proceeds goes to the RSGB.

On Sunday the 31st of January, Charlie Suckling, G3WDG, and his XYL, Petra, G4KGC, made two contacts on the 10GHz band via moon-bounce. These were the first 10GHz Earth-Moon-Earth contacts made from Britain and were with WA7CJO in Phoenix, Arizona. Charlie Suckling was at time the RSGB's Microwave Manager.

In February, the Radiocommunications Agency announced the completion of its review of the amateur radio Novice Licence Scheme. The allocations to Novices in the 3.5 and 28MHz bands were increased to enable the use of the accepted low power frequencies. Also increased was the 50MHz allocation, allowing Novices the use of Morse, telephony and data. The 70cm band allocation was extended to include 432 to 440MHz, which allowed the use of SSB telephony, slow scan and fast scan television.

An excellent tropo event started on Thursday the 4th of February and carried on into Saturday. GJ4ICD reported that during this period many long distance stations were worked on 432 and 1296MHz. Of special note was the first Jersey to Czechoslovakia QSO on 1296MHz. This was between GJ4ICD and OK1FFD. Conditions were believed to have been the best for many years.

Meanwhile, Sir Ranulph Fiennes and Dr Mike Stroud became the first men to have crossed the continent of Antarctica on foot, entirely unsupported. Not content with this, and despite failing health, they decided to continue walking to their final destination, Scott Base, a further 350 miles. The expedition's communications officers, Morag, GM0MUV, and Lawrence, GM4DMA, were featured in the national media, explaining the trials of the two explorers. Later in the year, Sir Ranulph Fiennes and Dr Mike Stroud were both awarded OBEs in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for their achievement in the fields of 'Human Endeavour and Charitable Services'.

The Radio Society of Great Britain presented a cheque for just over 4,500 to MENCAP, the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults. The presentation was made by RSGB President Peter Chadwick, G3RZP, to MENCAP's Chairman, Lord Rix, G2DQU, at a ceremony held at RSGB Headquarters on the 19th of February. The money had been raised by RSGB members and staff during 1992.

For several days at the end of February, a special event station, GB00SH, was operating at the 'Radio GOSH' studio at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London. Attending the opening ceremony was His Royal Highness Prince Philip who is Patron of the RSGB. He was introduced to the event organiser Justin Johnson, G0KSC; RSGB President Peter Chadwick, G3RZP and RSGB General Manager

Peter Kirby. Prince Philip used a VHF transceiver to talk to a surprised G4IGK in Aylesbury. Two HF stations were operational during the event and a number of young patients were able to use the hospital's internal telephone system to connect with the amateur radio stations and pass greetings messages over the air.

Amateur radio was in the national news again at the beginning of March. Radio amateurs provided the sole means of communication between the beleaguered villages in Bosnia and the United Nations relief agencies. A week later, the news media continued to give favourable reports of amateur radio being used inside Yugoslavia to assist the United Nations in their humanitarian relief efforts. The RSGB heard of one UK amateur who also managed to help - Jim Atherfold, G0FZB, of Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex, was called on 20m by YU1ADJ, requesting medicine which was urgently needed to save the life of a young man in a Belgrade Hospital. He was able to pass this message to the Red Cross for further action. This was followed by a very favourable newspaper report which praised amateur radio.

At an RSGB Council Meeting held on the 12th of March, an application from RAEN Limited for Affiliation was discussed, and considered at some length. Council decided that the Society was able to affiliate RAEN Ltd as the Management Committee, but not the individual Groups associated with RAEN Limited. However, the Society saw no reason why individual Groups should not seek affiliation.

The RSGB's Project YEAR Co-ordinator, Hilary Claytonsmith, G4JKS, was awarded the title 'Amateur of the Year' by the magazine Ham Radio Today. The announcement was made at the London Amateur Radio Show on the 14th of March. Hilary is a member of the RSGB Council and her work in the fields of EMC, HF Contests and recruiting young people into amateur radio is well known to members.

On the 1st of April, the Radiocommunications Agency announced additional frequencies for radio amateurs for unattended digital communications, as well as the removal of restrictions on amateur radio transmissions on 70cm in the North East of England. The additional frequencies followed a request from the RSGB to extend the frequencies available for packet radio in order to enhance access to packet radio mailboxes.

The RSGB's Monitoring System, otherwise known as the Intruder Watch, had four successes which benefited all radio amateurs. An Argentinean fax, a naval data transmission and two diplomatic stations had been removed from the 18MHz band with the assistance of the RA. The Co-ordinator of the Intruder Watch is David Owen, G0OES, and details of the role of the Monitoring System can be found in the RSGB Call Book.

The Royal Grammar School of Guildford became the first school outside America to have a direct colour TV link to the space shuttle Discovery. In addition to

the video link, there was two-way voice contact between the shuttle and pupils during two orbits on the 9th of April, using the callsign GB6STS. Deputy Head of Science Frank Bell, G7CND, said that the equipment worked well and there was an interference-free six-minute radio contact. When the slow-scan TV image was sent, KB5AWP on the Discovery reported receiving a good clear picture. G7CND organised the school's radio equipment for the contact, but it was the pupils themselves who controlled almost all of the voice and TV exchanges.

In May, the Arfon Repeater Group announced that, for the first time in the UK, a 2m and a 70cm repeater were to be cross-linked. Under a special licence granted to the group issued following negotiations between the RSGB and the RA, GB3AR on R4 could be linked with GB3AN on RB4 by means of DTMF tones, with the result that the two repeaters operate as one. The Repeater Group pointed out that the set-up was experimental and invited everyone to make good use of the linking system and to report results, good or bad to Brian Davies, GW4KAZ.

On Saturday the 19th of June the RSGB held an Open Day at its Headquarters in Potters Bar. Over 200 members attended, many bringing with them their families and friends. They were treated to a guided tour of the RSGB's offices, had a chance to operate in the GB3RS shack and to visit the QSL Bureau, Library and Museum. Also at the Open Day was a team from the BBC's Arena programme who were researching for a feature on amateur radio.

One of the best known radio amateurs in the world is King Hussein of Jordan, who is frequently active as JY1. In an interview given exclusively to the RSGB's Radio Communication magazine, His Majesty revealed his wish to promote amateur radio in Jordan. He also explained how he became interested in the hobby and his belief that amateur radio contacts provide a wonderful way to make friends.

And that concludes our review of the first half of 1993, as reported by GB2RS.

And now the solar factual data:

This week due to GB2RS being prepared early we are short of data. For the period 13th to 16th solar activity has declined to very quiet levels; this was not expected. There have been no flares reported. The spot indices have declined and meaned at only 29. The solar flux has also declined and averaged only 85 units. The geomagnetic activity was quiet up to the 16th, when a magnetic storm was reported affecting mainly the higher latitudes. The period averaged an Ap of 10.7 units. However the indices rose from 3 on the 14th up to 28 by the 16th. This is believed to be due to the passage of a coronal hole. The state has been 'nil, nothing to report'. The radio quality indices have been at normal levels all the period, there being no very good or bad paths on any circuit. We do not have the aa indices to hand. The X-Ray Flux averaged B1.0, about the level it has been since last October. However, completely unexpectedly it collapsed on the 16th to only A4.5 units the lowest

level since this data has been given on GB2RS. Bartells rotation 2191 begins on December 30th.

Now the ionospheric data for Central France:

The F2 daytime critical frequencies at Poitiers, as reported by Meudon, averaged 8.7MHz. The daily highs are now occurring around 12.00 hours. The darkness hour lows are almost steady and averaged 2.7MHz. There have been periods of Spread F, blanketing E and other phenomena but only lasting for around 2 hours daily.

Now the ionospheric data for the north:

The F2 daytime critical frequencies at Ekaterinberg have been affected by whatever magnetic activity was about, and levels have been depressed averaging only 5.5MHz. The darkness hour lows were also down and averaged only 2.2MHz. At last the seasonal changes in IF2 critical frequencies can now be seen; if a mean line is drawn through the data, levels have risen from about 7.5MHz last June up to 8.25MHz at present. This is lower than expected; last year at this time levels were up to 11MHz.

And lastly the solar forecast:

This week, the more active side of the sun will be looking our way, and solar flux levels are expected to be about 100. The geomagnetic activity is expected to be very unsettled, possibly up to sub storm on the 28th to 30th then declining to quiet levels. The Ionospheric Radio Quality Indices are expected to decline down to poor by the 29th.

And that is the end of the solar information.

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Next, the local news.

NEWS FOR THE SOUTH EAST

Meeting for Monday the 27th of December:

Basingstoke Amateur Radio Club has a Two Metre Direction Finding Competition 'The Turkey Settler' Map OS-185(SE) with Alan, G8FMH as the Fox. Further

details by telephoning 0256 25517. NEWS FOR SOUTH WEST

Meeting for Wednesday the 29th of December:

South Bristol Amateur Radio Club has 'Greetings to old Friends on 2m and 70cm from the Club station'. For further information tel: 0275 834282.

#### NEWS FOR THE MIDLANDS

Meeting for today Sunday the 26th of December:

Charnwood Amateur Radio Contest Club has a Club Net. For further information telephone 0509 232927.

Meeting for Wednesday 29th of December:

Telford and District Amateur Radio Society will hold an 'On the Air, Christmas Time Net' on 144.600MHz, starting at 8pm. Contact Dave, G4EIX, on 0952 588878 for details.

#### NEWS FOR THE NORTH OF ENGLAND

Meeting for Monday the 27th of December:

Goole Radio and Electronics Society has a Video - a look back at 1993, hosted by Jim, 2E1BHL. Further details from Steve, G8VHL on 0405 769130.

Meeting for Tuesday the 28th of December:

Liverpool and District Amateur Radio Society has an Open Night. Further details from Ian, G4WWX who is QTHR.

And that's the end of this week's GB2RS news broadcast, which was prepared by the Radio Society of Great Britain.

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Good morning and a Happy New Year. It's Sunday the 2nd of January and here is the GB2RS news broadcast, prepared by the Radio Society of Great Britain.

First the headlines:- G3RZP is the new LAC Chairman; the 1994 LF Cumulative contests start this week and we have the second part of our review of the year, including a propagation review.

The RSGB's Licensing Advisory Committee has a new chairman. He is Peter Chadwick, G3RZP, the RSGB's Immediate Past President. He takes over from John Bazley, G3HCT, who will be the committee's Secretary.

The RSGB's 1994 President will be officially installed at an evening reception and dinner in Glasgow on Saturday the 15th of January. Any RSGB member wishing to attend should contact RSGB HQ without delay.

Now some items of HF DX news from the weekly RSGB DX News Sheet which is edited by Brendan McCartney, G4DY0. From Svalbard (Hopen Island), LA5EBA will sign JW5EBA from now until July 1994, on all bands, using various modes. And from Thailand, K3Z0 will be active as HS0ZAR from mid-January for four weeks.

We have no rally news for you this week as the next event notified to us is not until Sunday the 23rd of January 1994.

HF contest news now:

The first RSGB LF Cumulative 3.5MHz Contest takes place today, Sunday the 2nd of January. Another one takes place on Saturday the 8th of January. Both are from 1600 - 1800 UTC. The first LF Cumulative 1.8MHz Contest takes place tomorrow, Monday the 3rd of January from 2000 - 2200 UTC. December's RadCom, page 84, gives detailed information on all the LF Cumulative Contests. The RSGB AFS Team CW Contest takes place next Sunday the 9th of January from 1300 - 1700 UTC on 3.510 - 3.590MHz, with the 3.570 - 3.590MHz reserved for slower-speed contacts (the QRS Corral).

Next some VHF contest news:

The RSGB 144MHz CW Single Operator Fixed & All Others Contest takes place on Sunday the 16th of January, from 1000 to 1600 UTC. There are three sections:- Fixed station single operator, Open and Listeners. See December's RadCom, page 83 for details.



And now for the second part of our traditional Review of the Year. We are very grateful to newsreader Vic Kusun, GM4HCO, for researching and compiling it.

In July, the RSGB announced the first ever RSGB 50MHz Certificate to go to the holder of a UK Novice Licence. This was issued to Pat Williams, 2E1AFN, when she claimed the 50MHz, 10 Countries two-way Award. Congratulations also went to Geoff Brown, GJ4ICD, who was issued with the first certificate for having the grand total of 450 locator squares confirmed on 50MHz.

Once again the RSGB was in the forefront of publicising amateur radio in the media. Broadcast on the 24th of August was a BBC World Service programme called Waveguide, which featured amateur radio and the RSGB's role for the previous eighty years. The following week, the programme looked at a typical amateur radio station. 'Waveguide' was transmitted world-wide and provided excellent international publicity for amateur radio

The RSGB Standard Distance Award for 24GHz was awarded to Bill James, G6XM, for a contact from his portable site on Dartmoor with G3GNR/P on Exmoor at a distance of 43km. Bill, who is a lifetime member of the RSGB, has been collecting the Society's awards since November 1979 when he received Supreme Award number 29 in recognition of his activities on the 144, 432 and 1296MHz bands. He is the only person to hold an RSGB Supreme Award together with distance awards for 10 and 24GHz.

Two hundred thousand members of the public had a chance to see amateur radio in action at London's Olympia in September. The RSGB put on a stand at the five-day spectacular LIVE '93 exhibition. A very large number of people visited the stand, many expressing interest in amateur radio. There were many questions on licensing, and about such things as packet and slow scan. Three stations were operational: HF, VHF and UHF packet, and the data communications demonstration proved to be the most popular.

The RSGB made a donation of 1,000 to the UK's amateur satellite organisation AMSAT-UK in support the Phase 3D project. At a ceremony at RSGB Headquarters, RSGB President Peter Chadwick, G3RZP, handed over the cheque to AMSAT-UK Secretary Ron Broadbent, G3AAJ.

An RSGB delegation, comprising experts on all aspects of amateur radio, attended the International Amateur Radio Union Region I Conference at de Haan in Belgium. A number of changes were made to our band plans, concerning data frequencies on HF and priorities on the Microwave bands. The HF RTTY allocations were renamed 'Digimode' to cover all digital modes, including RTTY, AMTOR, PACTOR, Clover and Packet. In some cases the allocation was increased in size. On the microwave bands a number of sub-bands were agreed on an international basis in order to counter increasing pressure from commercial concerns. IARU Region I covers all of Europe and Africa as well as the former

Soviet Union.

On Sunday the 26th of September, four more amateur radio micro-satellites were successfully put into orbit, including two built at the University of Surrey. They were KITSAT-2, ITAMSAT, EYE-Sat and POSAT-1.

This year's Young Amateur of the Year Award ceremony was on the 9th of October. The principal guest was Roger Louth, Director of Mobile Services at the Radiocommunications Agency. Also in attendance was RSGB President Peter Chadwick, G3RZP. The Young Amateur of the Year was fifteen-year-old Tim Munn, G7OTO, from the Isle of Wight. He was selected from a list of nominees after interviews by the Radiocommunications Agency and the RSGB. Tim has become an RSGB Novice Instructor and his courses have had a 100% pass rate so far. The runner-up was Simon Kahn, who became G0STU on his 14th birthday, having passed the RAE aged 11. He was one of the first Novice licensees, holding the callsign 2E1AAB.

The RSGB's 1993 HF and IOTA Convention took place at Old Windsor in Berkshire. This was a convention in the traditional style, with an opportunity to meet friends, socialise and attend a range of lectures and presentations. The programme comprised 25 items, all DX or contest related, and all were well attended with some lecture rooms packed to capacity. More than 180 people attended the DX Dinner. Amongst the presentations made was the award of the Calcutta Key to Hans Berg, DJ6TJ, for his services to amateur radio through the International Amateur Radio Union.

On Thursday the 14th of October the Society was represented at the funeral of Arthur Milne, G2MI, who passed away after a long illness. He was responsible for the RSGB QSL Bureau for over 40 years. Arthur became RSGB President in 1954 and was the senior GB2RS News Reader for many years until just before his death.

The weekend of the 16th and 17th of October saw the 36th Jamboree on the Air. For 24 hours Scouts and Guides all over the world used amateur radio to celebrate their shared interest.

The 1st of December marked the inauguration of a new 10GHz beacon, GB3KBQ, built by the Mendip Repeater Group to commemorate the life of John Moxham, G8KBQ. John, who died in 1989, had a fascination for microwave technology and was always willing to give advice and a helping hand. The beacon runs 60mW on 10,368.87MHz from Taunton.

The Society's Annual Meeting took place in Manchester on the 4th of December. The Honorary Treasurer, Richard Horton, G4A0J, reported that the Society has been very successful in its aim to balance income and expenditure. The Ostermeyer Trophy for the best construction article in RadCom was presented to G3VML for his VHF transceiver project. The Wortley-Talbot Trophy for outstanding experimental work was presented to G3WDG and G4KGC for their 10GHz

activities. The Fraser Shepherd Award for research into microwaves went to G4JNT, and the Pilot Officer Norman Keith Adams Prize for the most original article in Radcom went to G4FHU for 'How Big is a Bad SWR?'

And that concludes our review of the year 1993, as reported by GB2RS.

And now the solar factual data, starting with a brief forecast for this week, followed by a review of the year's propagation: These have been compiled, as they are each week, by Charlie Newton, G2FKZ, who is the Chairman of the RSGB's Propagation Studies Committee.

This week the more active side of the sun will rotate away with solar flux levels declining to be about the 95s. The Ionospheric Radio Quality Indices is expected to be about normal or slightly below. Geomagnetic activity is expected to be mainly quiet.

Next our review of 1993's propagation:

1993 has, to say the least, been an eventful year. Solar cycle 22 is still full of surprises. The rise in sunspot indices was the fastest ever recorded, which led to forecasts that it would be a record cycle. Alas it was not to turn out that way. We are now seeing a decline in spot indices, again is so rapid that cycle 22 is puzzling all the experts. Having had their fingers burned on the way up they are now all very quiet about when the minimum might be, and forecasts are now for only one year ahead, with December 1994 having a spot index of about 32. World-wide the interest in the ionosphere is continuing to decline, so data sources are declining as well. This makes ionospheric forecasting more difficult. However it is not all gloom. We hope to have a new ionosonde installed at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratories at Chilton which should give us data early in the New Year. Spot minimum times have in the past been very good for sporadic E and 1993 was no exception. During June there was one of the greatest sporadic E events almost anyone can remember, with openings particularly on 6 metres to many parts of north America by stations only using very low power. As for the HF bands, the radio quality indices were above normal for 113 days, just normal for 125 days, and well below normal for 108. The worst period was during May with the 6th to 15th being the worst for many years. The best times were possible during late April and most of October, but the good times do not last long. Though ionospheric and solar data is declining, the geomagnetic data sources are now growing by the day. It is now possible to obtain geomagnetic data from around the world via Intermagnet and the Geomagnetism Information and Forecast Service. At present 30 observatories send data to the British Geological Survey at Edinburgh and within 2 years it is expected to enlarge to about 100. For those who believe the 6 metre band is dead, reports have been received that the sporadic E season in Australia is in full swing, and this seems to be following the pattern that we had last June, with contacts to JA being plentiful. VK30T states that, on 50MHz, F layer contacts to Europe have been

made every year since 1988 on the 24th of December. We would like to know how you got on this year - reports please to G2FKZ whose address is correct in the RSGB Call Book.

And that is the end of the solar information.

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#### NEWS FOR THE SOUTH EAST

Meetings for Monday the 3rd of January:

Braintree and District Amateur Radio Society has a talk entitled 'Widgets 2' and a discussion on 'The Club Open Day'. Further details from John, G1WQQ on 0787 60947.

Surrey Radio Contact Club has a talk on 'Oscilloscopes for Amateurs' by Phil, G00HI and Peter, G3ZPB. Details from Bernard, G8TB on 081 660 7517.

Meeting for Tuesday the 4th of January:

Stevenage and District Amateur Radio Society has a Welcome Back evening with a Discussion, VHF/UHF on Air and CW Practice with Frank, G4ISO. Contact Neil, 2E1ASZ on 0438 350882 for details.

Meetings for Wednesday the 5th of January:

Chesham and District Amateur Radio Society has its '1994 Club Programme Meetings' session. Details from Ian, G0RTF on 0494 676391.

Dover Radio Club has a Novice Evening. For further details telephone 0304 825030.

Worthing and District Amateur Radio Club has a talk entitled 'Surveying in Malta'. Details G4GPX on 0903 753893.

Meetings for Thursday the 6th of January:

East Kent Radio Society has a talk entitled 'Packet Radio' by G3EMU. Further information from Paul, G3VJF on 0227 364606.

Horndean and District Amateur Radio Club has a talk by Keith Ridley, Deputy Editor, 'The News' a Portsmouth area local newspaper. Further details from Stuart, G0FYX, tel: 0705 472846.

Horsham Amateur Radio Club has a talk entitled on 'The Story of Wireless' by John, G0GNA. Details from Peter, G8SUI on 073784 2150.

Shefford and District Amateur Radio Society has a Welcome-back Meeting. Contact Paul, G1GSN on 0462 700618 for further details.

Vange Amateur Radio Society has a Junk Sale. Contact Doris on 0268 552606 for further information.

Meetings for Friday the 7th of January:

Loughton and District Amateur Radio Society has a talk on 'Word Processing' by John, G1DJI. Further details from John Tel: 081 508 3434.

Medway Amateur Receiving and Transmitting Society meets for 'The VIP Quiz' by John, G6IVP. Further details from Gloria, G70VI on 0634 710023.

#### NEWS FOR SOUTH WEST

Meeting for Tuesday the 4th of January:

Salisbury Radio and Electronic Society has a talk by Emma, 2E0 who has applied for DXCC. Details from David on 0722 330971.

Meeting for Wednesday the 5th of January:

Exmouth Amateur Radio Club has a Junk Sale. Phone 0395 279574 for further details.

Meeting for Thursday the 6th of November:

Yeovil Amateur Radio Club has a Practical evening - 'VHF FM Hand Rig Deviation checks' by G3AIK. Contact Cedric, G4JBL on 0258 473845 for further

information.

Meetings for Friday the 7th of January:

Axe Vale Amateur Radio Club has a talk entitled 'Radio in Shanghai' by Graham, G0GTR. For further details contact Pat, G0GHH on 0297 33756.

Shirehampton Amateur Radio Club has its Club shack clear-out evening. For further information contact Ron, G4GTD on 0272 770504.

#### NEWS FOR EAST ANGLIA

Meetings for Tuesday the 4th of January:

The Amateur Radio Club of Fakenham has a talk on 'Microwaves' by John, G4BYV. Contact Dave, G4DCJ on 0485 528633 for further details.

Sudbury and District Radio Amateurs has a talk on 'Computers, with Hardware' by Nigel, G00RI. Contact Tony, G8LTY on 0787 313212 for further details.

Meetings for Wednesday the 5th of January:

Martlesham Radio Society has a talk entitled 'Packet BBS, Past, Present and Future'. Contact Darren, G7BK0 on 0473 227332, during office hours only for entry ticket details and for further information.

Norfolk Amateur Radio Club has a Quiz evening. For further details contact Sheila, G0KWP on 0603 618810.

Meeting for Friday the 7th of January:

Cambridge and District Amateur Radio Club has a Video evening. Contact John, G0TIL on 0763 243570 for details.

#### NEWS FOR THE MIDLANDS

Meeting for today Sunday the 2nd of January:

Charnwood Amateur Radio Contest Club has its New Year meeting. For further

information telephone 0509 232927.

Meeting for Monday the 3rd of January:

Stourbridge and District Amateur Radio Society has a Discussion and an "On Air" night. Further information from James, G7HEZ on 0384 374354.

Meetings for Tuesday the 4th of January:

Loughborough and District Amateur Radio Club meets for a discussion "Ideas for 1994". For further details contact G8SNF by telephoning 0509 218259.

Grantham Radio Club has a talk on 'Intruder Watch' by Dave, G4MQM. For further details contact John, G8WWJ on 0476 65743.

Meetings for Wednesday 5th of January:

Derby and District Amateur Radio Society has its New Year Surplus Sale. Contact Hayley, G7PXA on 0773 856904 for further information.

Telford and District Amateur Radio Society has the club Equipment availability check. For further details contact Dave, G4EIX, on 0952 588878.

Meeting for Thursday the 6th of January:

Cannock Chase Amateur Radio Society has a talk on 'Heraldry' by J M Sanders, MBE. For further details telephone 0543 262495.

Meeting for Friday the 7th of January:

South Notts Amateur Radio Club meets for its Annual General Meeting. For further details contact Julie, G0SOU on 0602 216342.

NEWS FOR THE NORTH OF ENGLAND

Meeting for Tuesday the 4th of January:

Liverpool and District Amateur Radio Society has a Quiz evening. Further details from Ian, G4WWX who is QTHR.

Meetings for Wednesday the 5th of January:

Denby Dale and District Amateur Radio Society has a talk entitled 'Why you should make a Will, and how to do it' by Ian, G6TSW. Further details from Ivan, G0SBR on 0484 429238.

Wirral Amateur Radio Society has a visit to Atlantic House. For further details contact G3F00, tel: 051 644 6094.

Meeting for Thursday the 6th of January:

Trafford Amateur Radio Club has a talk entitled 'HMS Bronnington, G0TON' by Peter, G3XGE. For details contact Malcolm Collis on 061 748 8046.

Meetings for Friday the 7th of January:

Goole Radio and Electronics Society is holding a Repeater Report, hosted by Steve, G8VHL. For further details contact Steve, G8VHL on 0405 769130.

South Manchester Radio Club has a Mini Lecture Contest evening. For further details contact Edward, G7FQY, tel: 061 969 1964.

#### NEWS FOR WALES

Meetings for Thursday the 6th of January:

Meirion Amateur Radio Society has its Annual General Meeting at the Royal Ship Hotel, Dolgellau. The meeting opens at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. Contact Maurice, GW3GKZ on 0341 422447 for further details.

Dragon Amateur Radio Club has an 'Evening Together to Greet 1994'. Details from Tony, GW0FMQ, tel: 0248 600963.

#### NEWS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

Meeting for Friday the 7th of January:



Bangor and District Amateur Radio Society has a Quiz Night, starting at 8pm in the Winston Hotel, Queens Parade. Details from Keith, G10SSA on 0247 883315.

And that's the end of this week's GB2RS news broadcast, which was prepared by the Radio Society of Great Britain.

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And as an apparent result of this and two previous alleged illegal broadcasts, the NSW Divisional Council has closed down, until further notice, the Divisional repeaters and packet stations VK2RWI. The locks have apparently been changed (again) to ensure no further transmissions are made from VK2WI and VK2RWI.

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